

## Samuel Houston to Andrew Jackson, January 19, 1823, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Nashville, January 19, 1823.

*D'r sir,* From a friend in Alabama, I had the pleasure to receive a letter of the 6th Inst. he is the partner of Win. Kelly Esq. Senator, 1 and from an extract of his Letter to me you will discover Mr. Crawford is not the favorite of Alabama, as has been stated. I well know that my friend, and Kelly accord in sentiment.

1 Senator from Alabama 1822–1825.

"Every possible plan had been laid, and every exertion made to have the representation prepared for Walkers resignation, so as to put in McKinley. Two weeks of the session had expired before Kelly heard of the resignation, and at the eleventh hour without having had a previous idea of it, and without having endeavored to conciliate a friend, he resolved to go down, and combat the matter, with the big man of the North. He got there three days before the day of election and whiped out foremost. From what I understand, you will shortly join him at the Capital. Let me charge you, that if Old Hickory cant be President, to go for H Clay. At all events save us from *Crawford* , and Georgia politics!"

From this paragraph I infer that McKinly must have been for Crawford, by the understanding between him and Crawfords friends. You will see the politics of Mr. Crawford are not hoped for, by honest men. I do not agree with my friend about Mr. Clay, but I see, it is more *his* invetracy to Crawford, than his love to Clay. I told him in a letter of yesterday my notions on the subject. I have no doubt, myself, but what, Mr. Adams will lay out Mr. Clay a fit subject for *political burial* !

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Mr. Hutchinson in conclusion says " *Crawford* will stand no chance in Alabama. H. Clay, and our noble old Cheiftain, are the preeminent characters!"

T. G. Bradford, has arrived here from the City, and I discover some change has taken place in our Gov's sentiments. Crawford, or John Williams must have sent their compliments to him, or Mr. Clay must have neglected writing to him for some time. I will be up on next saturday to see you and Mrs. Jackson unless an accident. Please do me the honor to make my best respects to Mrs. Jackson, also Col. Gadsden and Mr. Earl. I send you the last Gazette. I like the remarks on "Indian Treaties."

I have the honor to be Your Most Obt. and friend